

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. through 3. (Canceled)

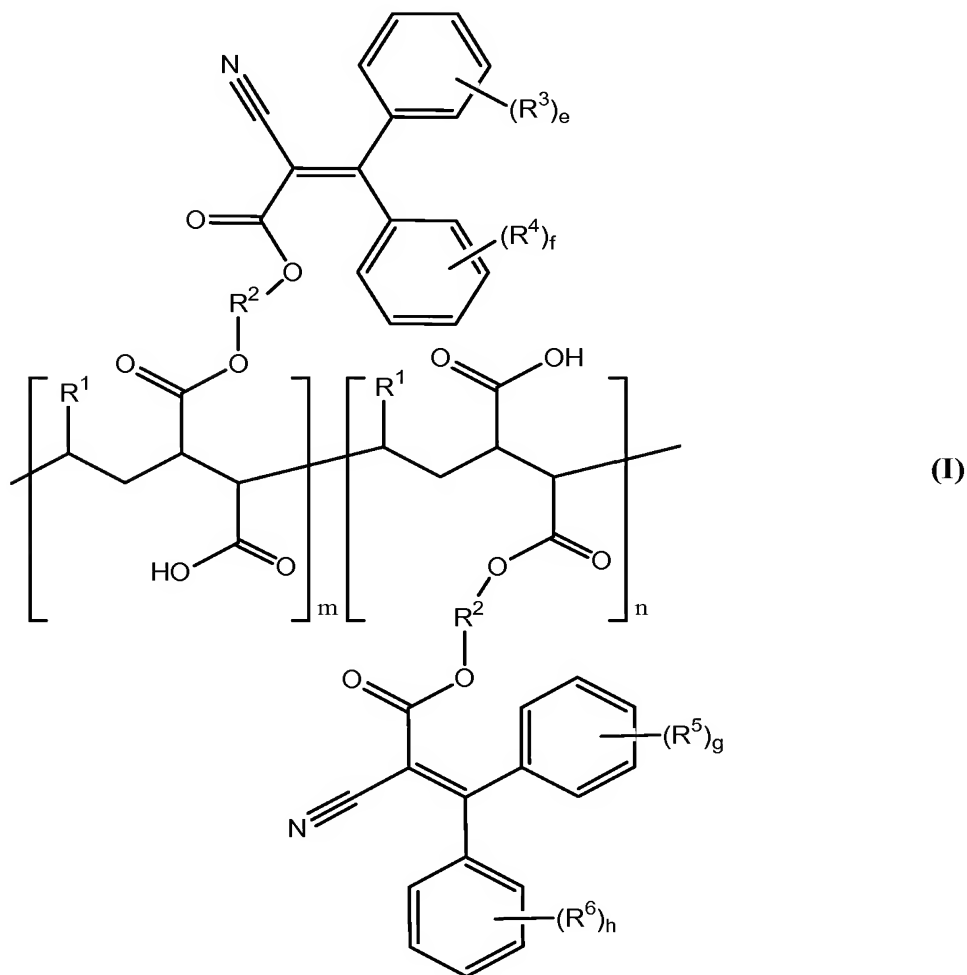
4. (Currently amended) The ~~compound~~method of claim ~~11~~16, wherein the Weight-Average Molecular Weight of said compound of formula (1) is in the range of about 30,000 to about 110,000.

5. through 13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) The ~~composition~~method of claim ~~11~~16, wherein said compound of formula (I) is present in said composition in an amount in the range of about 0.01% to about 30% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

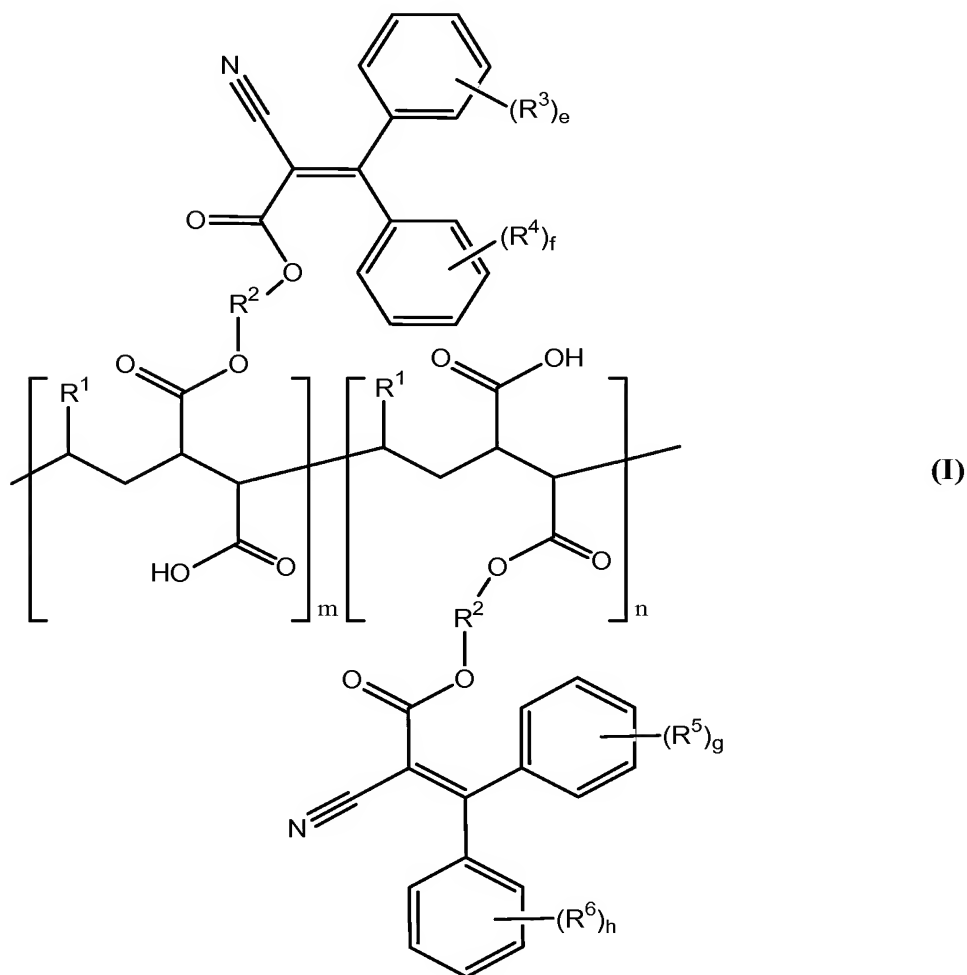
15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A method of protecting human skin from ultraviolet radiation comprising topically applying to said skin, in a cosmetically acceptable carrier, ~~the a~~ composition comprising a mixture of a photoactive compound, and a compound of formula (I) of claim 11.



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , and R^6 are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{30} alkyl, C_1 - C_{30} substituted alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino, e, g, f, and h are each in the range of 0 to 4, m and n are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of m plus n is at least 1.

17. (Original) A method of protecting human skin from ultraviolet radiation, comprising topically applying to said skin, in a cosmetically acceptable carrier, a compound of formula (I):



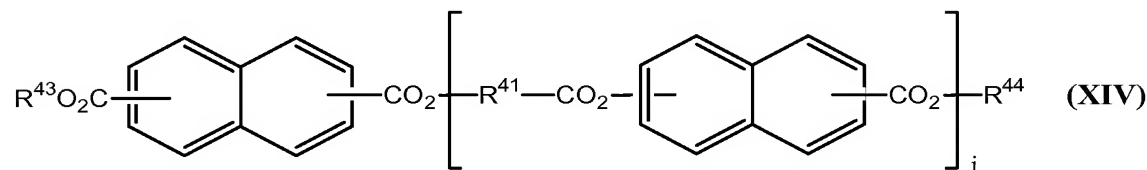
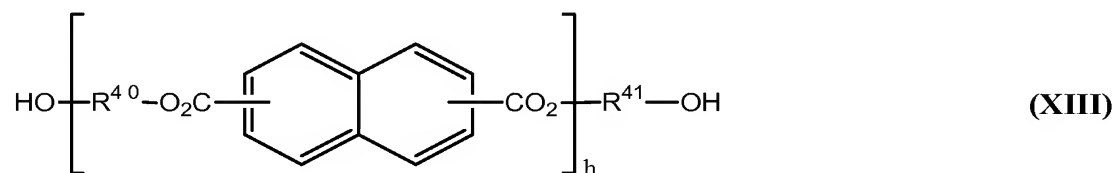
wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , and R^6 are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{30} alkyl, C_1 - C_{30} substituted alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino, e, g, f, and h are each in the range of 0 to 4, m and n are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of m plus n is at least 1.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein R^1 and R^2 are selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{30} alkyl groups.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein R1 is a C16 straight chain alkyl group, and R2 is a 2,2-dimethylpropyl group.

20. through 42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently amended) ~~The composition-method of claim 3916, wherein the photoactive compound comprises further comprising~~ a diester or polyester of naphthalene dicarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of compounds of formulae (XIII) and (XIV), and combinations thereof:

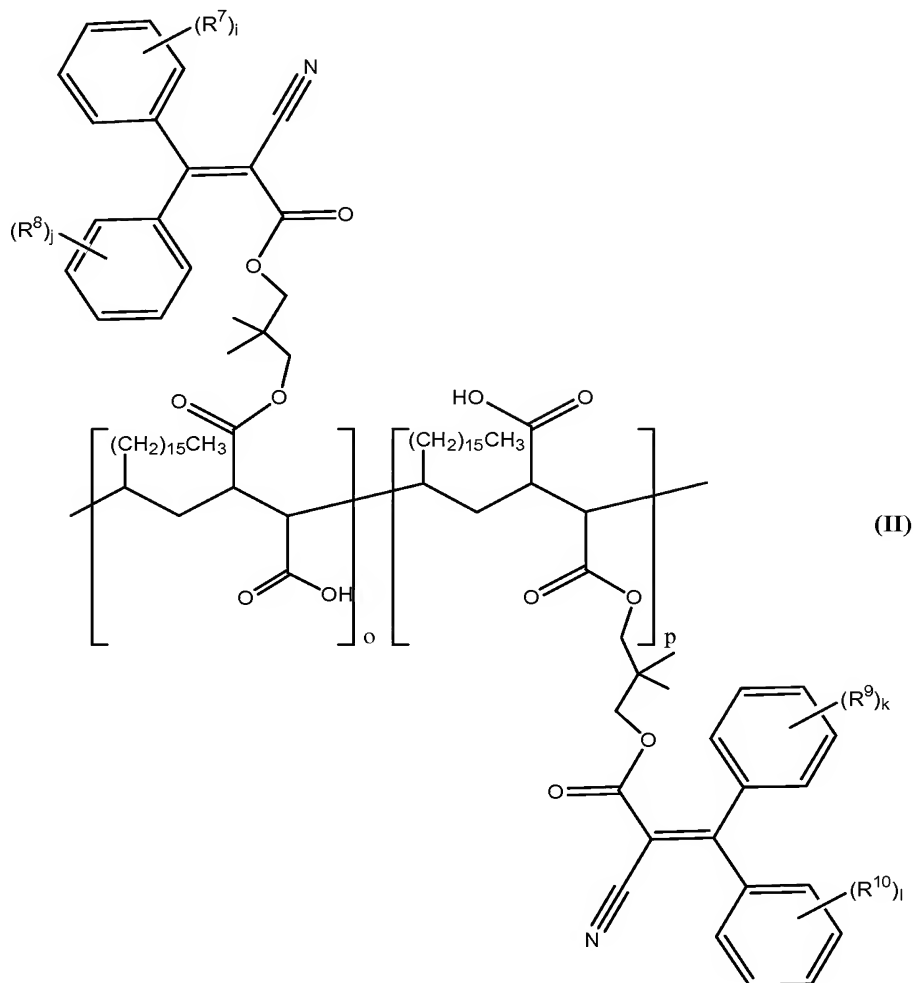


wherein R⁴³ and R⁴⁴ are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₂₂ alkyl groups, diols having the structure HO—R⁴¹—OH, and polyglycols having the structure HO—R⁴⁰—(—O—R⁴¹—)_j—OH; wherein each R⁴⁰ and R⁴¹ is the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₆ straight or branched chain alkyl groups; and wherein h and j are each in a range of 1 to 100 and i is in a range of 0 to 100.

44. through 88. (Canceled)

89. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the photoactive compound comprises a dibenzoylmethane derivative.

90. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the compound of formula (I) has the following formula (II):



wherein R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , and R^{10} are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{30} alkyl, C_1 - C_{30} substituted alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino, i , j , k , and l are each in the range of 0 to 4, o and p are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of o plus p is at least 1.

91. (New) The method of claim 90, wherein the Weight-Average Molecular Weight of said compound of formula (I) is in the range of about 30,000 to about 110,000.